

135           What is claimed:

1. A wire stripper comprising:    /

          a stripping block including a front face, a back face and a top face, said stripping  
block having a plurality of wire apertures that penetrate said stripping block from said  
front face to said back face, and said stripping block further including a plurality of blade  
140 receiving slots cut into its top face which interact with said wire apertures; and  
          a plurality of blades inserted into said blade receiving slots whereby the cutting  
edge of said blades enters into said wire apertures; and  
          a tensioning bar for exerting tension on said blades;  
          whereby at least one wire is inserted through said at least one wire aperture and  
145 insulation thereby stripped longitudinally.

2 A wire stripper comprising:    /

          a stripping block including a front face, a back face and a top face, said stripping  
block having at least one wire aperture that penetrates said stripping block from said front  
face to said back face, and said stripping block further including at least one blade  
150 receiving slot cut into its top face which interacts with said wire aperture; and  
          at least one blade inserted into said at least one blade receiving slot whereby the  
cutting edge of said blade enters into said wire aperture;  
          whereby at least one wire is inserted through said at least one wire aperture and  
insulation thereby stripped longitudinally.

155           3. The wire stripper of Claim 2 further comprising a tensioning bar for exerting  
tension on said at least one blade.

          4. The wire stripper of Claim 2 comprising a plurality of wire apertures.

5. The wire stripper of Claim 2 wherein said plurality of wire apertures comprise wire apertures of varying gauges.